

Memory Verse Calendar

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Note to parents:

Each week, we teach age-appropriate narratives in our Little Village classrooms highlighting one of our Five Foundational Truths: **God Made Everything, God Is in Charge of Everything, God Is Good, Jesus Came to Save Sinners, and God Wants to Talk With Us.** We have chosen one narrative each month for all of our preschoolers to learn so that you can focus on one story at home, even if your children are in different classes. You'll find these narratives highlighted on the calendar throughout the year. For example, in January, every Little Village class will learn the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000.



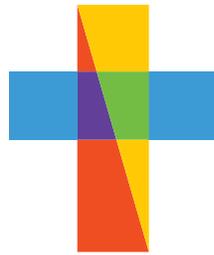
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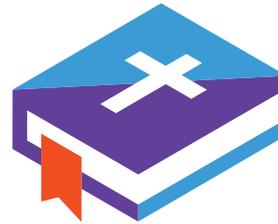
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JANUARY

**I have stored
up your word in
my heart, that
I might not sin
against you.
Psalm 119:11**

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Family Lessons

1/1: Jesus in the Temple

Jesus spent time in the temple worshiping and talking about God. **God Wants to Talk With Us!** We can talk to God through prayer. Spend time together as a family praying to God. Thank Him for your church, where you can learn about Him with others.

1/8: Jesus Is Baptized

Using an action figure/doll and a bowl of water, talk through and act out what the baptism of Jesus looked like (Mark 1:9-11). When sinners love and trust Jesus and repent of sin, they can be baptized like Jesus.

1/15: Jesus Is Tempted

Jesus fought sin using the Bible, God's true Word. We can use the Bible to fight sin, too. Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

1/22: Jesus Chooses the 12 Disciples

Read "Let's Go!" on p. 208 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to review the last two stories we've learned in Little Village. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

1/29: Jesus Feeds the 5,000

God Is Good! He cares about the physical and spiritual needs of His children. Jesus provided food for people who were hungry! As a family, go through your house and point out all the things that God has provided to take care of your family.

FEBRUARY



**“By this all people will
know that you are
my disciples, if you
have love for
one another.”
John 13:35**

*DISCIPLES: friends and
followers of Jesus*

Family Lessons

2/5: Jesus Walks on Water

God Is in Charge of Everything! During bath time, ask your child if he or she can sit on top of the water or make it move by speaking to it. Because Jesus is God, He Is in Charge of Everything—including water!

2/12: Jesus Heals the Lame Man

The lame man had four friends who brought him to Jesus to be healed. Whom do you know who needs healing (either physically or spiritually)? **God Is in Charge of Everything**—including our bodies. He can heal sickness. Spend time praying together as a family for God to heal those you know who are sick. Let those people know that you prayed for them.

2/19: Jesus Calms the Storm

Read “The Captain of the Storm” on p. 236 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. If you don’t have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

2/26: Jesus & the Woman at the Well

Jesus showed love to the woman at the well (John 4:7-30). John 13:35 teaches us to show love to others. Help your family learn this month’s memory verse.

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MARCH

**Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I
will say, rejoice.
Philippians 4:4**

REJOICE: be glad



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Family Lessons

3/5: Jesus Loves the Children

Jesus wanted the children to talk with Him because He loves them. **God Wants to Talk With Us!** Encourage your children to talk with God through prayer. He cares about what they think and feel.

3/12: The Good Samaritan

Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

3/19: Jesus & Zacchaeus

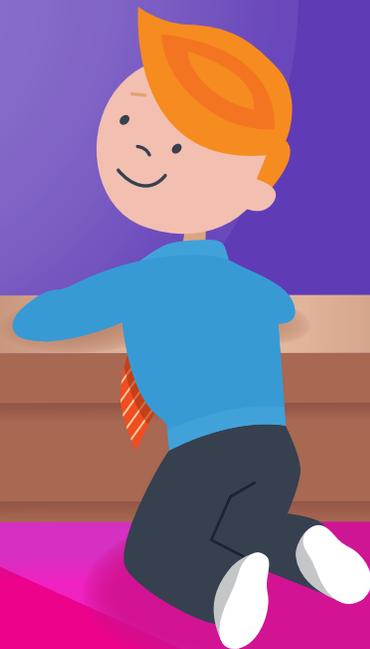
Read "The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (None)" on p. 264 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** like Zacchaeus, you and me! If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

3/26: The Triumphal Entry

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd of people came to celebrate and worship Him. They covered the road with palm branches and coats for His donkey to walk on (Luke 19:28-40). Using craft supplies and leaves/grass, let your children create a picture of what they think the triumphal entry looked like. Spend time praising God that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

APRIL

**But God shows his
love for us in that
while we were still
sinners, Christ
died for us.
Romans 5:8**



Family Lessons

4/2: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Spend time this week remembering what happened to Jesus during the last week of His life. On Sunday, He was celebrated as He came into town. On Thursday, He ate the Last Supper and prayed in the garden with His disciples. On Friday, He died on the cross to pay the punishment for our sins. Have your child draw pictures of these events to put in order throughout the week. Celebrate the truth that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

4/9: Jesus Comes Back to Life

Romans 5:8 teaches us that Jesus died on the cross to save sinners because He loves us. But Jesus did not stay dead. Jesus came back to life! Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

4/16: Easter Review

Ask your child to show you his or her Easter Bag from Little Village. Help them tell you the story using the pieces and picture book. If you do not have an Easter Bag, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

4/23: Jesus Eats With the Disciples

After Jesus died on the cross, He came back to life and spent time with His disciples. Jesus ate and talked with them to help them understand and believe that He really was alive. **God Wants to Talk With Us!** He wants to help us understand and believe in Him, too. Spend time together as a family during dinner talking about how good Jesus was to help the disciples believe. Pray and ask God to give you hearts that understand and believe in Him, too.

4/30: Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

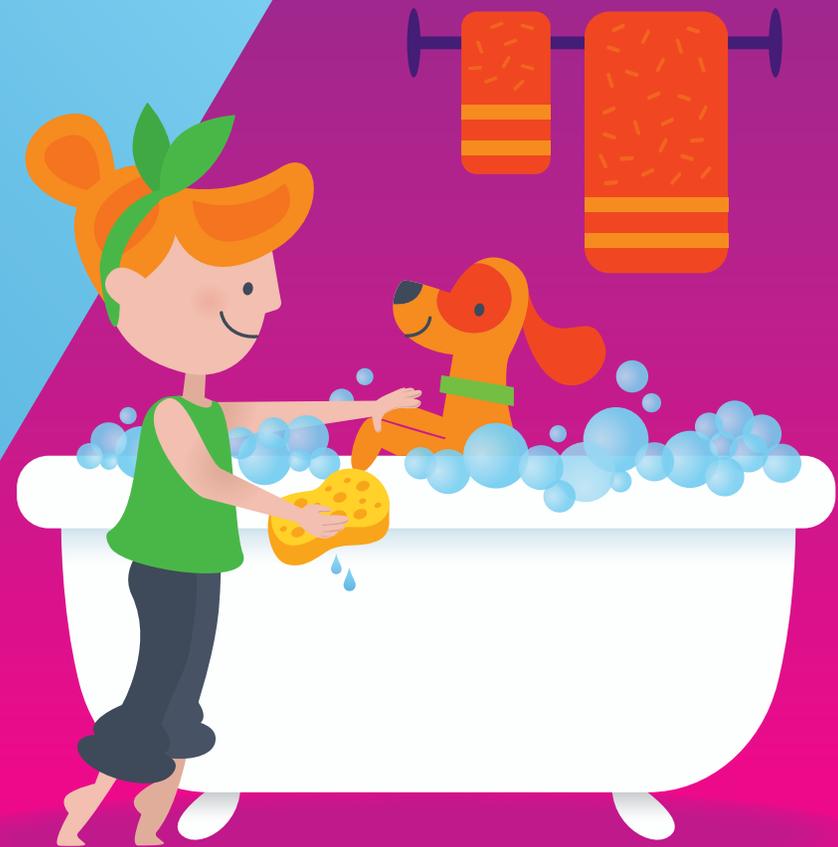
Read "Going Home" on p. 318 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to review the last two stories we've learned in Little Village. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

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MAY

**If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and
just to forgive us
our sins and to
cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9**

CONFESS: *tell the truth about*
FAITHFUL: *trustworthy,
God keeps His promises*
JUST: *right*
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS: *sin, wrong*



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Family Lessons

5/7: Pentecost

Read "God Sends Help" on p. 326 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. **God Is Good** to send the Holy Spirit to help His children. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

5/14: Peter Tells Others About Jesus

Peter denied Jesus three times the night before Jesus died. After Jesus died and came back to life, Jesus forgave Peter just like 1 John 1:9 says. Peter spent the rest of his life telling others about the forgiveness and love of Jesus. Help your family learn this month's memory verse. **Denied:** Peter lied about knowing Jesus

5/21: The Church Begins

Acts 2 teaches us about the early church, where believers gathered together to pray, listen to the apostles teach, eat together and help those in need. We can also belong to a local church. **God Is Good** to give us the Church to be a part of. Spend time together as a family thanking God for your church and praying for its people and leaders.

5/28: Saul's Conversion

Jesus appeared to Saul on the road, and Saul became blind. He could not see for three days until Ananias came to him and prayed for him. Saul's eyes were healed, and God gave him a new heart that loved and trusted Jesus (Acts 9). **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** Play "Follow the Leader" with one person pretending to be blind and the other person leading them through an obstacle course to safety.

JUNE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

ANXIOUS: *worried, nervous, upset*
SUPPLICATION: *asking*
REQUESTS: *needs and desires*



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Family Lessons

6/4: Paul's Journeys

After God gave Paul a new heart, he spent the rest of his life telling others that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners**. Today, we have missionaries all over the world who also tell people about Jesus. Spend time learning about and praying for our missionaries (www.thevillagechurch.net). Pray that they will have opportunities to tell others that Jesus Came to Save Sinners.

6/11: Jesus Will Come Again!

Read "A Dream of Heaven" on p. 342 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. **God Is Good** and will one day come back to fix all that sin has broken. God's children can wait for Jesus to return with happy excitement. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

6/18: The Bible Is God's True Word

The Bible is from God and about God. The Bible is true! We can trust it. We can read it and memorize it to help us know God and fight sin. Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

6/25: God Creates the World

God Made Everything! Using paints, crayons, markers or play dough, help your child illustrate different things that God made. Thank God for making everything.

JULY

**The earth is the
LORD's and the
fullness thereof,
the world and
those who
dwell therein.
Psalm 24:1**



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Family Lessons

7/2: Adam & Eve Disobey God
 Read "The Terrible Lie" on p. 28 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. Adam and Eve sinned. We are all sinners. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

7/9: God Saves Noah
 Psalm 24:1 teaches us that the earth and its people belong to God. God was good to save Noah from the flood, and **God Is Good** to save His people from sin through Jesus. Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

7/16: The Birth of Isaac
 God told Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky (Gen. 15:5). Go out with your family and look at the stars. Can you see the shapes that the stars make? Can you count the stars? We can look at the stars and remember that **God Is in Charge of Everything**, and He always keeps His promises!

7/23: The Sacrifice of Isaac
 Sometimes God asks us to give up something good in order to help us remember that He is what is best. Spend time praying as a family. Thank God for the good things He gives us. Ask for help in loving God more than the good things He gives.

7/30: The Life of Joseph
 Draw out the events of the life of Joseph (Gen. 37-46) on separate pieces of paper. Some of the events in Joseph's life were good, and some were hard or scary. In all of the events, God was in charge of everything. Write **"God Is in Charge of Everything!"** on the top of each piece of paper.

AUGUST

**The grass withers,
the flower fades, but
the word of our God
will stand forever.**
Isaiah 40:8

WITHERS: dies
*FADES: loses strength
and health*



Family Lessons

8/6: The Birth of Moses

Isaiah 40:8 teaches us that God’s Word will last forever. We can trust it. Help your family learn this month’s memory verse.

8/13: God Calls Moses

God spoke to Moses through the burning bush and told him to rescue the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Moses was afraid. We are afraid sometimes, too. As a family, pray together and tell God what you are afraid of. Ask God to help you trust Him. **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

8/20: God Sends the Plagues

Draw pictures of all 10 plagues on separate pieces of paper (Ex. 7-11). Can you remember all 10? God has power over everything He has made. Thank God that **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

8/27: God Parts the Red Sea

Read “God Makes a Way” on p. 92 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. **God Is in Charge of Everything**—His people, kings, water, EVERYTHING! If you don’t have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

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SEPTEMBER

**The LORD has
done great
things for us;
we are glad.
Psalm 126:3**



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Family Lessons

9/3: God Provides Manna

God provided manna and quail for the Israelites while they were in the desert (Ex. 16). **God Is Good!** He takes care of His children. Stand on a chair to make cotton balls, pieces of paper or other soft objects fall from the "sky." Let your children gather the objects in jars or buckets while they re-enact the story.

9/10: God Gives the 10 Commandments

Read "Ten Ways to Be Perfect" on p. 100 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. **God Wants to Talk With Us** through the rules He gives us. His rules are good and show us our need for Jesus. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

9/17: God Knocks Down a Wall

The Israelites thought the walls of Jericho were too strong and too big for them. God knocked down the wall without the Israelites having to fight. **God Is in Charge of Everything!** He takes care of His children. Are there things your child is afraid of or problems that seem too big? Pray as a family and ask God to help you trust that He is in charge of everything.

9/24: The Life of Ruth

The Lord did great things for Ruth and Naomi. The Lord always does great things for His children. We can be glad because **God Is Good!** Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

OCTOBER

**But as for me, I will
look to the LORD; I will
wait for the God of
my salvation; my God
will hear me.**

Micah 7:7

**SALVATION: to save
from sin and death**



Family Lessons

10/1: God Answers Hannah's Prayer

Hannah prayed to God for help when she wanted a baby. Micah 7:7 teaches us that we can pray to God and trust that He will hear us, just like He heard Hannah. Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

10/8: God Chooses David

Read "The Teeny, Weenie...True King" on p. 116 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. God gave Israel a good king, David. But one day, God would send the greatest and true King, Jesus. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

10/15: David & Goliath

As a family, re-enact the story of David and Goliath. Remind your child that David did not defeat the giant by his own skill. God defeated the giant because **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

10/22: God Is Better Than Baal

The prophet Elijah asked God to prove His power to the prophets of Baal by sending fire from heaven to consume an altar (1 Kings 18). Elijah knew that he could talk to God through prayer. **God Wants to Talk With Us!** Spend time drawing the story or recreating it with play dough. Thank God that He hears the prayers of His children.

10/29: God Uses Esther to Save a People

God used a woman named Esther to help protect and save her people from destruction. There are missionaries all over the world telling others about Jesus in hopes that they will be saved from sin and have a relationship with God. Spend time learning about and praying for our missionaries (www.thevillagechurch.net).

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NOVEMBER

**I love the LORD,
because he has
heard my voice
and my pleas
for mercy.
Psalm 116:1**

PLEA: *cry for help*
MERCY: *forgiveness*



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Family Lessons

11/5: Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego trusted that **God Is Good**, even when they were in danger. Psalm 116:1 teaches us that we can also trust in God and pray to Him. Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

11/12: God Saves Daniel

Act out the story of Daniel in the lions' den with your family. Have fun pretending to be lions who cannot open their mouths. God shut the mouths of the lions to protect Daniel. Thank God that **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

11/19: God Uses Jonah to Save a People

God sent Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh that **God Is Good** and rescue them from destruction. There are missionaries all over the world telling others about Jesus in hopes that they will be saved from sin and have a relationship with God. Spend time learning about and praying for our missionaries (www.thevillagechurch.net).

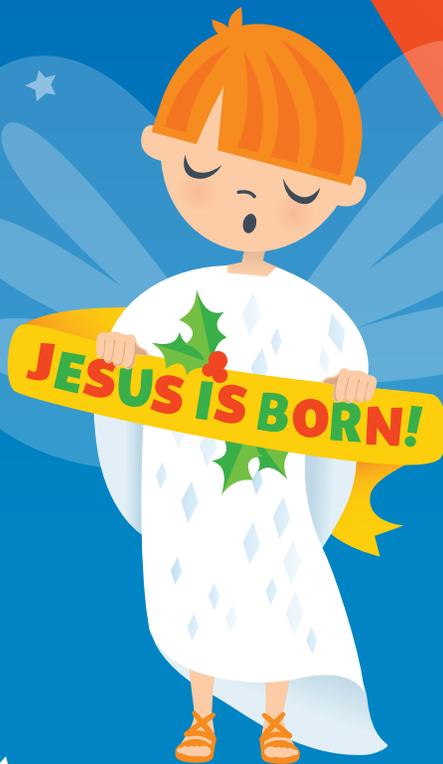
11/26: God Promises a Savior

Read "The Terrible Lie" on p. 28 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. In the Garden of Eden, God promised to send a Savior to rescue His people from sin. God kept His promise and sent Jesus. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

DECEMBER

**And the angel said to them,
“Fear not, for behold, I bring
you good news of great
joy that will be for all the
people. For unto you is
born this day in the city
of David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:10-11**

BEHOLD: to look, see



Family Lessons

12/3: Advent – The Birth of Jesus

Jesus Came to Save Sinners! Help your family memorize Luke 2:10-11 to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

12/10: Advent – The Shepherds and Angels

On the night Jesus was born, God sent angels to tell the shepherds the good news that Jesus Came to Save Sinners! Re-enact the story with flashlights and singing. Celebrate the wonderful news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

12/17: Advent – The Wise Men Worship Jesus

God put a special star in the sky to tell the wise men that Jesus had been born. The wise men traveled very far to worship Jesus. Today, God uses people to tell others the good news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** Spend time learning about and praying for our missionaries (www.thevillagechurch.net).

12/24: Advent – Christmas Review

Read pp. 176-199 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to review the Advent stories we've learned in Little Village. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

12/31: Jesus Promises to Come Again

Jesus died on the cross to pay the punishment for our sins. He did not stay dead but came back to life and will live forever. Jesus went back to heaven to be with God, the Father, but promised that He will return one day to get rid of sin forever. This time, Jesus will not come back as a baby. He will come as a powerful King. As a family, draw what you think it will be like when Jesus returns. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

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